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In re Application of:

KAZUYOSHI SUMIUCHI

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 to 7, 10, 13 and 14 as shown in the attached  
Appendix, and cancel Claims 8, 9, 11 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject  
matter. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows: